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ELECTION AND REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 12, 2003, Applicant elects Invention I, which, according to the Examiner, corresponds to Claims 1-8 and 18-23. Applicant further elects Species I, which according to the Examiner, corresponds to Figures 2a-b. Claims 1-8 and 18-23 are readable on at least this species. In light of these elections, Applicant hereby respectfully requests that the Examiner examine the pending claims on the merits.

Applicant respectfully submits that several or all of the non-elected embodiments or species may also fall within the scope of the pending claims and Applicant reserves the option to advance that analysis in the future should the issue arise. Moreover, Applicant reserves the right to present additional claims to such embodiments or species.

Applicant has withdrawn Claims 9-17 and 24-47 in the present application. Applicant expressly reserves the right to pursue one or more of these claims in continuing applications.

If any matters should remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below. No fees are believed due. However, please charge any fees, including any fees for additional extensions of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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